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COMPREHENSIVE SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENT MODEL (COSTEM) FOR SPACE WEATHER PREDICTIONS

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SUMMARY

Our team proposed the development of a modular, adaptive, parallel software framework for modeling the Sun-Earth system. The goal of the project was the development of a large-scale model of the solar-terrestrial environment allowing a fuller understanding of space weather and a framework to test theories and investigate the broad implications of new observations. Particular attention was to be devoted to CME formation, propagation, and interaction with the magnetosphere; SEP acceleration in the low corona, SEP acceleration in the interplanetary medium, and SEP transport.

The proposed model was to be driven by realtime observations that are incorporated into a validated set of tightly-coupled models. We proposed that the model would be developed as a set of modular routines capturing the physics of interacting domains in the space environment, providing flexibility for revision and improvement of the modules. The proposed new space weather modeling framework was envisioned to serve four complementary goals:

- Provide a flexible "plug-and-play" software framework for DoD's space weather research. Models of physics domains and/or processes can be "plugged" into the framework and researchers can test the response of the entire Sun-Earth system to the new modules.
- Enable the proposing team to develop, test and validate improved models of solar explosive event initiation (such as CMEs),

- interplanetary propagation, SEP generation and geoeffectiveness.
- 3. Provide a complete Sun-to-Earth space weather simulation tool. When run from real-time observations of the region near the Sun, the solar and interplanetary modules would have the capability to provide an up-to-date display of the calculated present state of the solar wind in the inner heliosphere, as well as a prediction for the next 24-48 hours near Earth.
- The model would be made available to the Air Force and NOAA SEC as a prototype for validation and operational testing.

We are very proud to note that all four goals have been met. In addition, this project supported a large number of science publications, conference presentations as well as Ph.D. students and postdocs. In the body of this final report we provide details of the Space Weather Modeling Framework, some of the science highlights and programmatic experience we gained with this exciting project.

The COSTEM project also supported over ten Ph.D. students during its 6 years of funding. It also helped 3 young scientists to achieve national prominence and obtain highly coveted instructional faculty positions (Ilia Roussev, Aaron Ridley and Mike Liemohn).

Overall, COSTEM was a successful project. We all wish we could have more projects like this. We published over 100 peer reviewed papers, gave more than 100 invited and 174 contributed presentations at professional meetings.

1 INTRODUCTION

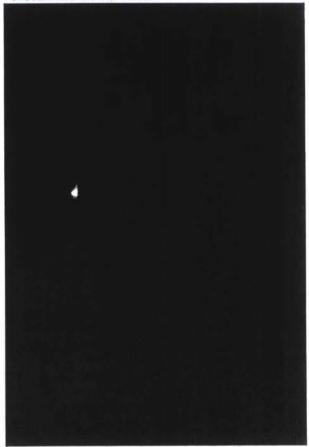
The PI has been active in space science for over three decades, but this MURI grant was one of the most enjoyable, productive and exciting projects he has ever participated in. We would like to express our thanks to the DoD for giving us the opportunity to carry out this research, to AFOSR for managing the project, and to USAF Majors Dr. Paul Bellaire and Dr. David Byers for providing a supportive and positive environment and management.

The main goal of the COSTEM project was to create a user-friendly modeling tool that enables the DoD and scientific communities to simulate, and eventually forecast, the system behavior of the Sun-Earth space environment.

A very important factor in the success of the COSTEM project was the synergism with our NASA funded Computational Grand Challenge (CGC)effort that supported the development of the computational infrastructure of the Space Weather Modeling Framework (SWMF) in close collaboration with the Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF). The synergism between COSTEM, SWMF, and ESMF was additionally enhanced by an NSF Information Technology Research (ITR) grant that was providing support for research in data assimilation methodologies applicable to the space environment, as well as "threat adaptive" grid computing technologies, where we dynamically allocate distributed computational resources and increase the resolution and throughput of the simulation on the fly when a threatening space storm occurs on the Sun.

The synergism between our MURI, CGC and ITR projects was made possible by the support of the science managers at NASA, NSF and AFOSR: Rich Behnke, Paul Bellaire, Joe Bredekamp, David Byers and Jim Fischer. We made their job easier by clearly identifying and separating the three projects at Michigan: NASA funds were used to develop computational technology, NSF funds were used for data assimilation, grid computing and model validation, while DoD funds were devoted to model development for the 3D global corona, CME initiation, solar energetic particles, inner magnetosphere, ionosphere-thermosphere, radiation belts, and other regional phenomena.

The integration of the three large projects represented considerable management challenges (we will discuss these issues later), but it also gave us a unique opportunity to create something that is more than the sum of its parts. The resulting model suite is the most advanced computational tool available today to simulate the complex behavior of the Sun-Earth space environment. It is a unique tool that has been extensively used by our team for scientific research (we published over 100 peer reviewed papers over the lifetime of our MURI project). In addition, it is continuously running at CCMC in real time as a precursor to operation transition to NOAA and the Air Force.



In the following sections we discuss the main accomplishments of the COSTEM project, we highlight some science results, outline new investigations that were made possible by the success of the COSTEM project, describe the management strategy, and most importantly, we discuss the lessons learned from this exciting undertaking.

2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2.1 The Four Goals of COSTEM

2.1.1 "Plug-and-Play" Software Framework SWMF

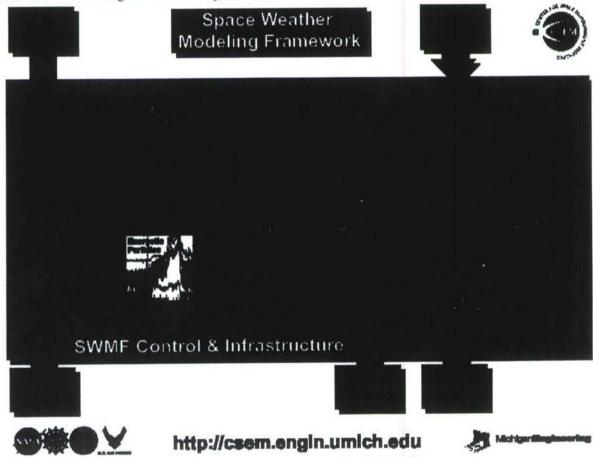
The Space Weather Modeling Framework (SWMF) [29, 43] was designed in 2001 and has been developed to integrate and couple several independently developed space physics codes into a flexible and efficient model. Figure 1 shows the schematics of the SWMF and its components. The main design goals of the SWMF were to minimize changes in the original models, provide a general, flexible and efficient method to execute the coupled models on massively parallel distributed memory machines, and to allow adding new components and new physics models for existing components with ease [29].

The SWMF is written in Fortran 90 and Perl and has been designed in an object-oriented

manner from the beginning. Data naming conventions and the use of CVS were adopted from the beginning. Rigorous testing procedures have been applied from the beginning as well. Most of the implemented modules contain unit tests. The components are tested individually, and the functionality of the whole SWMF is tested by system tests exercising multiple coupled components. The SWMF and its components pass this comprehensive hierarchical test suite every night on several computer/compiler platforms.

The SWMF source code is well documented. The reference manual is generated from the source code using Perl scripts. All input parameters are documented in XML files, which are converted into the user manual. We have also developed a graphical user interface (SWMF GUI) to improve the usability of this complex software.

We are regularly extending the SWMF with



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Figure 1. Schematic of coupling in SWMF

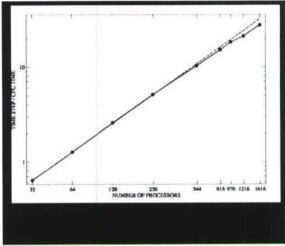
new components and new component versions. It takes typically two weeks of work from two developers to add a new component to the SWMF. Most of this time is spent on adopting the physics model to the SWMF and on writing and testing the couplers between the components. New components that do not use Cartesian grids can take longer if they require high-performance grid rendezvous algorithms. The SWMF currently covers 10 physics domains, many of them represented with multiple models. The SWMF is capable of simulating the Sun-Earth system from the solar corona to the upper atmosphere of the Earth faster than real time on hundreds of processors.

BATS-R-US

The Block Adaptive Tree Solar-wind Roe Upwind Scheme [cf. 60] has been designed and developed to solve magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) space physics problems. BATS-R-US was intended from the beginning to use massively-parallel, distributed-memory machines efficiently. Therefore, it was decided that the code would be written from scratch using Fortran 90, the MPI library for communication, and a block-adaptive, Cartesian grid structure [60]. The resulting code showed excellent efficiency, scaling properties (see Figure 2) and portability, and resulted in state-of-the-art space science simulations.

In the past 12 years, BATS-R-US has been continuously developed in several ways. New numerical algorithms were added: Rusanov, HLL, and HLLD solvers, and various techniques to control the divergence of the magnetic field [92], implicit time stepping [23] parallel field line oscillation-free second-order tracing [52], schemes at resolution changes [16], etc. The physical equations were extended from ideal MHD to resistive MHD, semi-relativistic MHD [91], multi-species MHD and very recently to Hall MHD and multi-fluid MHD. We note that the MHD solvers can be used for the equations of compressible hydrodynamics without modification. The block-adaptive grid can now use generalized coordinates, including spherical, cylindrical and toroidal grids.

With better and more flexible algorithms, the range of applications has also widened

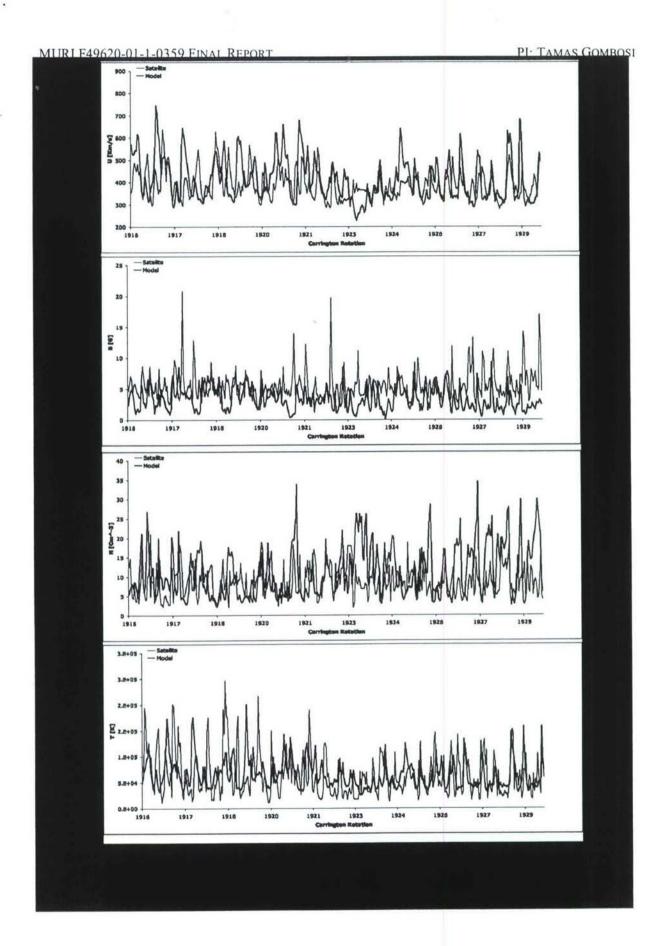


dramatically: BATS-R-US has been used to model almost all planets, several moons, and comets of the solar system, flux emergence from the photosphere to the corona [64], coronal mass ejections [63, 75], the solar corona [70], the outer heliosphere, etc. These applications imply that BATS-R-US has been extensively validated against observational data. The code also enables one to use special grids, such as spherical, toroidal or the vertex-based stretched grids.

As the complexity of BATS-R-US increased, more and more of the standard software engineering practices were adopted. We have been using the concurrent version control system (CVS) for several years. Much of the code is now written in a modular and object oriented fashion. The developers introduced a data naming convention so the code is more readable and easier to maintain. The functionality of BATS-R-US is tested with a suite of comprehensive tests run nightly on half a dozen different computers and compilers. The input parameters are documented and described in XML format and checked with a script for correctness. Most of the documentation is generated automatically.

2.1.2 Development Testbed

With the help of the SWMF-based testbed we were able to develop and apply several new models for the quiet solar wind (synoptic wind), CME initiation mechanisms, heliospheric transient propagation, SEP models, and the interaction of interplanetary transients with the magnetosphere-ionosphere system.



SYNOPTIC SOLAR WIND.

A prerequisite of any successful end-to-end space weather model is the ability to simulate the background solar wind filling the inner heliosphere at the time of the solar eruption. The ambient conditions are crucial for the successful modeling the propagation of a time dependent phenomena (such as CMEs).

We developed a new MHD model for simulating the large-scale structure of the solar corona and solar wind under "steady state" conditions stemming from the Wang-Sheeley-Arge empirical model and driven by highresolution MDI solar magnetograms [5, 70]. The processes of turbulent heating in the solar wind were parameterized using a phenomenological, a variable model with thermodynamical polytropic index. We employed the Bernoulli integral to bridge the asymptotic solar wind speed with the distribution of the polytropic index on the solar surface. This "synoptic wind" model successfully reproduces the bulk properties of the "quiet" solar wind at Earth for solar minimum conditions (see Figure 3).

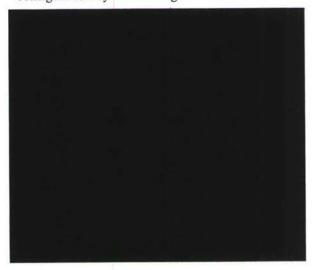
This is significant progress over previous work, but obviously more work is needed to have a validated, reliable synoptic wind model that can be used for all solar cycle conditions.

CME INITIATION

One of the very active research areas in heliophysics is CME initiation. This is a very important unsolved question that has profound consequences for space weather events. With the help of the SWMF-based simulation testbed we investigated several magnetically driven CME initiation mechanisms.

We modeled the emergence of a magnetic flux rope passing from below the photosphere into the corona [59]. For the initial state, we prescribed a plane-parallel atmosphere that comprises a convection zone, photosphere, polytropic transition region, and corona. Embedded in this system was an isolated horizontal magnetic flux rope located 10 photospheric pressure scale heights below the photosphere. The flux rope was uniformly twisted, with the plasma temperature inside the rope reduced to compensate for the magnetic pressure. Density was reduced in the middle of the rope, so that this section buoyantly rose. The early evolution proceeded with the middle of the rope rising to the photosphere and expanding into the corona. Just as it seemed the system might approach equilibrium, the upper part of the flux rope began to separate from the lower, mass-laden part. The separation occurred through stretching of the field, which forms a current sheet, where reconnection severs the field lines to form a new system of closed flux. This flux then erupts into the corona. Essential to the eruption process were shearing motions driven by the Lorentz force, which naturally occur as the rope expands in the pressure-stratified atmosphere. The shearing motions transport axial flux and energy to the expanding portion of the magnetic field, driving the eruption.

We also developed another CME initiation model [75] that was considering the loss of equilibrium of the three-dimensional flux rope configuration of Titov & Démoulin. We are able to determine the conditions for which stable equilibria no longer exist. Our results imply that it is possible to achieve a loss of equilibrium even though the ends of the flux rope are anchored to the solar surface. However, in order to have the flux rope escape, it is necessary to modify the configuration by eliminating the arcade field.



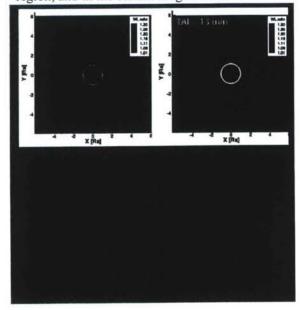
SEP TRANSPORT

Solar energetic particles primarily propagate along interplanetary magnetic field lines connecting the solar corona to the interplanetary medium. Existing SEP acceleration and transport models use prescribed magnetic field lines to investigate the transport and diffusive shock acceleration of solar energetic particles.

With the help of the SWMF testbed we were able to carry out the first self-consistent simulation of SEP events by coupling field-aligned SEP transport models to simulated magnetic field lines extracted from a time-evolving simulation of a CME transient propagating through the heliosphere. The technique is based on a new field line advection model [57] that is now part of SWMF. The transport of SEPs can now be simulated by different SEP transport models [25, 45, 61] thus enabling us to look for experimentally verifiable distinguishing predictions.

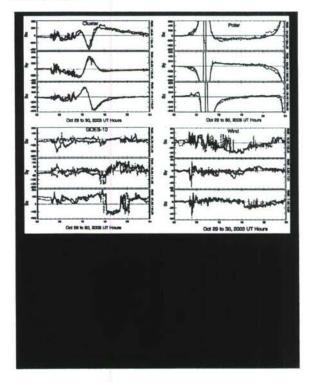
2.1.3 Space Weather Simulation Tool

The SWMF with its existing model suite is an end-to-end space weather simulation tool. It has been used to model space weather events from the Sun to Earth [1, 19, 33, 41, 63, 100]. These simulations employed increasingly sophisticated models and approaches to simulate the Sun-Earth system. In our latest simulation [1] we successfully reproduced many signatures of the most geoeffective Halloween storm (October 29, 2003). In particular, we not only succeeded in reproducing the main features of the CME at Earth, but were also successful in matching magnetospheric observations in the dayside magnetosphere, in the nightside closed field line region, and in the distant magnetotail.



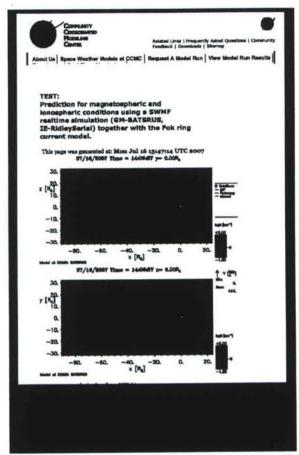
Figures 5 shows a comparison between simulated and observed white light images shortly after the CME eruption. We note the excellent agreement between the shapes of the observed and simulated structures, as well as the location of the shock. This is a very encouraging progress in modeling large CMEs as they propagate from the low corona to Earth.

Figure 6 compares observed and simulated plasma parameters in the magnetosphere. We note the excellent overall agreement. It is particularly challenging to match the magnetospheric parameters simultaneously in distinct regions in the magnetosphere. At the time of this event the spacecraft Cluster was in the dayside magnetosphere, Polar was magnetically connected to the high latitude region, GOES-10 was behind the Earth in the closed field line region, and Wind in the distant magnetotail some 150 R_E downstream.



2.1.4 Transitioning

One of the primary goals of our MURI project was to create a space weather simulation tool that is robust, easy to use (well, relatively) and can be eventually transitioned to operations. An early attempt to transition BATS-R-US to Air Force operations was unsuccessful, because the lack of



trained personnel at the operation center, the complicated user interface and the lack of daily communication between the code developers and the operators.

We also had discussions with NOAA SEC about transitioning SWMF. The new director of SEC, Dr. Thomas Bogdan is extremely interested in running SWMF in real time and validating the results. However, presently SEC does not have the computational resources to be able to run SWM in real time (or even in near real-time). In the next year or so they will have access to larger NOAA computing resources and SEC will transition the latest version of SWMF and start real-time testing.

The interagency Community Coordinated Modeling Center (CCMC) was the first external user of BATS-R-US and SWMF. CCMC has the personnel, the expertise and the computing resources to utilize our high performance code. We are in regular communication with CCMC personnel and they contact us whenever they encounter problems with the code that they cannot solve themselves. Our experts are regularly (2-3)

times a year) visiting CCMC to help to install new code versions and solve any problems that may arise. As a result of this close collaboration, CCMC is running SWMF in real time and publish real-time plots on the web. This is a great service to the community and a very good test of the code. In fact, this is a necessary intermediate step in transitioning SWMF to Air Force and NOAA SEC operations.

In our opinion the collaboration with CCMC is extremely beneficial to both sides and we consider it a model for other collaborations (with the Air Force and with NOAA SEC).

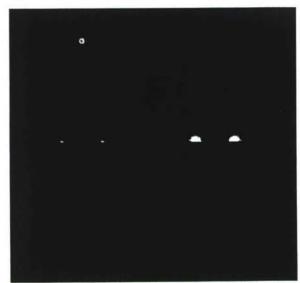
2.2 Selected Science Highlights

As it can be seen from the attached lists of peer reviewed publications, invited conference presentations and contributed talks, our MURI project was a scientific success. The COSTEM team published over 100 refereed papers in leading journals and monographs. We gave over 100 invited presentations at national and international conferences and workshops. Last but not least, the team gave 174 contributed presentations at various scientific meetings.

Instead of listing all scientific results (that would make this report quite long) we simply refer to the publications and enclose a PDF copy of all papers listed in the publication list. In this section we just list a few scientific highlights to illustrate our accomplishments. This list is incomplete and somewhat subjective, but it gives a cross-section of our scientific accomplishments.

2.2.1 Flare Heating [68]

We have carried out a theoretical analysis of the thermal radiation emitted by large, eruptive flares. The analysis is based on the configuration shown in Figure 8 which consists of an upward moving magnetic flux rope with a vertical current sheet below. Reconnection at the current sheet converts the magnetic energy of the plasma flowing into the sheet into kinetic energy and heat. The analysis assumes that at least half of the Poynting flux into the sheet is channeled along field lines to the chromosphere where it drives an upflow of dense plasma. This process is known as a chromospheric evaporation, and it leads to the formation of a system of thermal flare loops as shown in Figure 8.



The temperatures and densities resulting from chromospheric evaporation were calculated using the simple evaporative cooling model of Cargill et. al. These values were subsequently used to determine theoretical flare light curves for the Transition Region and Coronal Explorer (TRACE), the Soft X-ray Telescope (SXT) on the Geostationary and the Yohkoh satellite Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES). The correlation between the speed of material ejected as a coronal mass ejection (CME) and any associated flare is not straightforward. example, it is possible to have two CMEs with nearly the same trajectories and speeds but for which there is a tenfold difference in the peak intensities of their light curves.

The magnetic configuration used for the calculation is based on a loss of global, ideal-MHD equilibrium in a flux rope that is suspended in the corona by a balance between magnetic tension and compression. Equilibrium is lost when the magnetic boundary condition at the photosphere is slowly evolved to a critical point where a balance between compression and tension is no longer possible. When this point is reached, the flux rope erupts outwards to form a vertical current sheet as shown in Figure 8.

From our analysis we have found that the fraction of the released magnetic energy that goes into thermal energy depends strongly on the reconnection rate at the current sheet. As a measure of the reconnection rate we use M_A, the Alfvén Mach number at the midpoint of the edge of the sheet. For M_A near unity only about 15%

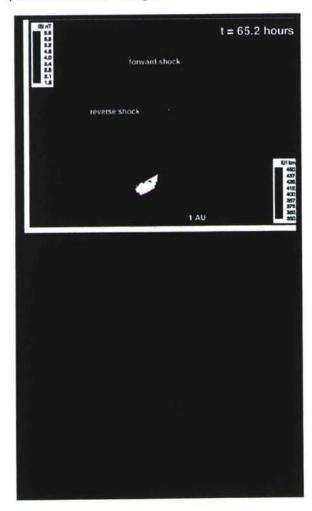
of the total magnetic energy in the configuration is converted into the thermal energy of the flare. The remaining 85% is channeled into the kinetic energy of the ejected mass. However, as the reconnection is made more difficult (e.g. by reducing the electrical resistivity of the plasma), the percentage of the total magnetic energy which is thermalized increases. For MA= 0.01, about 80% of the energy is thermal and only about 20% is transferred to the kinetic energy of the ejecta. These variations reflect the fact that as the reconnection rate decreases the current sheet becomes longer, so that even though the rate at which magnetic energy flows into the sheet decreases, the net Poynting flux into the current sheet increases. As MA tends to zero the thermal energy eventually goes to zero in the absence of any reconnection.

2.2.2 ICME Structure [28, 42]

In an effort to understand the structure and time evolution of such CME-driven shocks and their relevance to particle acceleration, we investigate the interaction of a fast CME with the ambient solar wind by means of a threedimensional numerical ideal MHD model. Our global steady-state coronal model possesses highlatitude coronal holes and a helmet streamer structure with a current sheet near the equator, reminiscent of near solar minimum conditions. Fast and slow speed solar wind flow at high and low latitude respectively and the Archimedian spiral geometry of the interplanetary magnetic field is reproduced by solar rotation. Within this model system, we drive a CME to erupt by the introduction of a Gibson-Low magnetic flux rope that is embedded in the helmet streamer in an initial state of force imbalance. The flux rope rapidly expands and is ejected from the corona with maximum speeds in excess of 1000 km/s driving a fast-mode shock from the inner corona to a distance of 1 AU.

We find that the ambient solar wind structure strongly affects the evolution of the CME-driven shocks causing deviations of the of the fast-mode shocks from their expected global configuration. These deflections lead to substantial compressions of the plasma and magnetic field in their associated sheath region. The sudden post-shock increase in magnetic field strength on low latitude

field lines is found to be effective for accelerating particles to the GeV range.



This same simulation demonstrates alternative explanation for forward-reverse shock pairs observed by Ulysses to bound high-latitude CMEs. It has been suggested that these forwardreverse shock pairs form as a result of coronal mass ejections into the ambient solar wind, so called "over-expansion." Within our CME model, we find that when the CME is greater than 40 Rs from the Sun, a reverse shock forms poleward of the CME as a result of the interaction of the CME with the solar wind. In front of the CME, the slow wind is deflected to higher latitude while behind the CME, fast wind is deflected to low latitude. These deflected streams collide to form a reverse shock. The shock pair formed in this way naturally occurs at high latitude in the fast wind as observed, and explains many features associated with the shock pair.

2.2.3 Interacting CMEs [2]

Large active regions often produce CMEs in rapid succession. When a later CME is faster than the earlier one(s) complicated interactions can take place in the interplanetary medium that fundamentally change the plasma properties in the heliosphere. We published several papers investigating this phenomenon [2, 33].

Here we show MHD simulation results for coronal mass ejections originating from NOAA active region 9236 on November 24, 2000. These three ejections, with velocities around 1200 km/s and associated with X-class flares, erupted from the Sun in a period of about 16.5 hr. In our simulation, the coronal magnetic field is reconstructed from MDI magnetogram data, the steady-state solar wind is based on a varying polytropic index model, and the ejections are out-of-equilibrium initiated using cylindrical flux ropes with a size smaller than the active region. The simulations were carried out with the SWMF.

The use of an out-of-equilibrium flux-rope model to initiate the eruptions makes it possible to reproduce qualitatively and quantitatively the features of LASCO observations. We find that a CME originating from the Sun center does not necessarily appear as a symmetric halo in line-of-sight images. The initial deflection of the ejection is determined by the interaction of the ejection with the solar magnetic field. In this case, the ejection's speed in the plane of sky can be an overestimation of the real speed of the ejection toward the Earth.

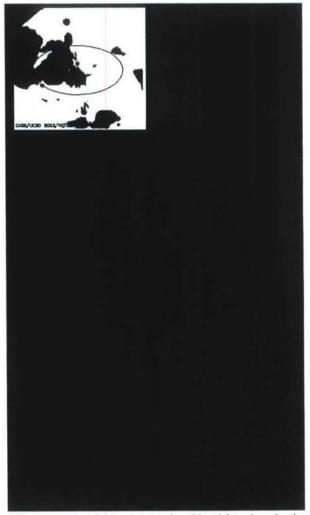
In our simulation, the transit time to Earth of the complex ejecta resulting from the three ejections is 10 hr longer than the observed transit time of 54.5 hr for the first shock. A previous ejection, the driver of the shock observed by Wind at 05:30 UT on November 26, was not included in the simulation. This previous CME preconditioned the solar wind, decreasing the background density increasing the speed. Therefore, its absence in our simulation might contribute to the overestimation of the transit time of the leading shock. In addition, at Earth, the simulated solar wind density is too large by a factor of 2, and the simulated magnetic field too weak by a factor of 2, which would make the simulated shocks slower than the observed ones.

Using different models for the solar wind and the magnetic flux ropes than in our previous simulation [33], we still find that the shock associated with the second ejection remains a fast-mode MHD shock at all times. As it propagates inside the first magnetic cloud, the jumps in pressure and density across the shock are low. In part of the cloud, the jump in pressure is found to be only a few percent above the reversible compression. This could explain why at Earth there are not always clear signatures of the shock passage inside a cloud other than the shorter duration of the cloud. As the initial density and thermal pressure inside a magnetic cloud are low, the passage of a weak shock does not necessarily lead to a clear signature in thermodynamic quantities.

As the first two shocks collide, there is a temporary increase in the density jump, which can be above the compression limit for a single shock. Such a large compression should be observable by the Heliospheric Imagers onboard STEREO. This could be the clearest observational proof of the fact that a shock propagates inside a cloud. After the interaction of the first two shocks, the remaining shock in front of the magnetic clouds is the faster shock associated with the second cloud. Indeed, its speed and direction are consistent with the speed and direction of the second shock before the shocks' interaction. Because a faster, stronger shock is now propagating into the undisturbed solar wind, the jumps in pressure and density are greater than the jumps before the shocks' interaction. The third shock becomes a compression wave when it enters the second cloud. This is due to the large Alfvén speed inside the preceding cloud and the slow speed of the third shock relative to the preceding cloud.

2.2.4 Heliospheric Tomography [22]

We used 3D reconstruction technique to analyze SMEI data and provide density in the These analyses are interplanetary medium. being compared with LASCO currently data and with interplanetary coronagraph scintillation data for selected time intervals (late May, 2003 and late October 2003). Figure 10 shows the October 28, 2003 CME reconstruction, with interplanetary its comparison scintillation g-level observations obtained during



the same time interval. Notable in both reconstructions is that the mass derived from these two techniques gives approximately the same value and that this mass is in approximately the same location in spite of the extremely fast shock that preceded the CME and that has at this time reached the Earth. Past studies have indicated that shocked plasma may contain more small-scale (~200km) turbulence by as much as an order of magnitude than other interplanetary regions. If this were the case IPS-derived masses would be highly unreliable so this would negate the idea that the scintillation process could be used to determine reliable bulk densities. Although more complete analyses with other events are expected to refine this study, the clear indication for this very large event is that the differences between the IPS and white light density measurements are minimal. The masses using the SMEI data in the figure caption give an interesting comparison with LASCO coronagraph observations since LASCO observed the upper portion of the CME to have ~2×10¹⁶ g out-of-the-sky-plane excess mass, and the southern portion to have ~4×10¹⁶ g out-of-the-sky-plane excess mass.

2.2.5 Analytic SEP Model [46]

A calculation of the proton-excited wave intensity upstream of a stationary planar shock has been carried out. The new calculation relaxes the assumption made in the previous analysis that the growth rate of a given wave with wave number k is dominated by the resonant protons with the lowest possible energy. Although this assumption is reasonable close to the shock, it is not so reasonable farther upstream because the upstream region is increasingly dominated by higher energy particles which can more easily escape from the region near the shock.

The calculation reveals that the wave intensity, which is $\sim k^{\beta-6}$ at small k, transitions to being $\sim k^{-2}$ at large k with a transition wave number $k_0(z)$ which decreases as an inverse power of increasing distance from the shock. Here $\beta = 3\chi/(\chi-1)$ is the standard power-law spectral index for a stationary planar shock, where χ is the shock compression ratio. This form has important consequences for the variation of ion composition throughout the event including the ions which arrive promptly at the observer with high streaming anisotropy. The low-k power law, $\sim k^{\beta-6}$, which resonates with higher energy ions, leads to enhancement of the heavy ions (larger A/Q) with increasing distance upstream of the shock. However, the large-k power law, ~k-2, which resonates with lower energy ions, does not fractionate between species with different A/Q. The resulting compositional variation seems to account for that observed in many events.

We have also investigated the origin of the large variations in the Fe/O ratio at high energies observed between different solar energetic particle (SEP) events. The origin appears to arise from the magnetic obliquity of the shock. The ion seed population for injection at the shock consists of both solar wind ions and ambient energetic particles. Quasi-parallel shocks (with upstream magnetic field primarily parallel to the shock normal) have a lower energy threshold for ion

injection than do quasi-perpendicular shocks. Thus, quasi-parallel shocks accelerate predominantly solar wind ions, whereas quasi-perpendicular shocks accelerate predominantly ambient energetic ions, which include material from earlier impulsive events rich in heavy ions. This feature of shock acceleration appears to account for the extreme compositional variations often observed between events at high energies.

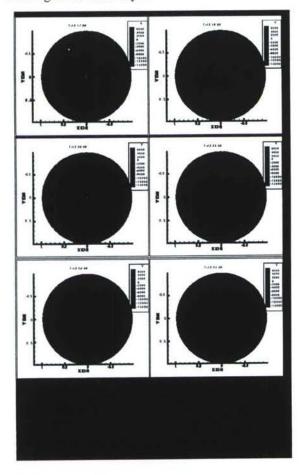
2.2.6 Modeling the Inner Magnetosphere [52]

The inner edge of Earth's plasma sheet tends to shield the region earthward of it from the main force of the magnetospheric-convection electric field, but both models indicate that changes in the rate of convection can cause temporary penetration of the shielding. A southward turning of the IMF causes undershielding and penetration of an eastward electric field across the dayside ionosphere, raising the F-layer. Major magnetic storms generate Storm-Enhanced-Density (SED) events: GPS observations of Total Electron Content show great plumes of enhanced density that sweep across the afternoon sector of the midionosphere, leading high-latitude substantial space weather effects, including equatorial bubbles and disruption of the GPS system. SED events apparently result from the dayside eastward penetration electric field, which makes understanding of penetration fields a priority issue from a space-weather point of view.

The strength and duration of the promptpenetration electric fields depend on the changes in the overall magnetic configuration of the magnetosphere that occur in response to changes in solar-wind driver. Thus proper first-principles modeling of the phenomenon requires a code that couples both inner and outer magnetosphere to the ionosphere. BATS-R-US/RCM is the first such model, so we are applying it to the promptpenetration problem.

The code was run for four hours with steady northward IMF (B_z =5 nT, ρ =5 amu/cm³, V_x =-400 km/s). The southward turning (to B_z =-5 nT) hit the sunward boundary of the simulation box (X=32 R_E) at 12:00 UT. The effect reached the dayside magnetopause about 12:18 UT. Figure 11 shows a sequence of equipotential patterns in the northern ionosphere. Note that the disturbance

effect starts approximately simultaneously in the entire ionosphere and gradually builds in strength, but there are interesting subtleties. The penetration field, as evidenced by equipotentials that penetrate to the equator, occur simultaneously with similar strengths on both day and night sides. The dayside equatorial electric field is eastward, tending to lift the F-layer.



3 LESSONS LEARNED

In our opinion this was a very successful and enjoyable project. It met its goals, it produced good science, it contributed significantly to graduate and postdoctoral education, and it helped to propel the careers of several very talented scientists.

There are several, mainly management related, lessons that we learned in the course of this project. In this short section we will list some of the important lessons we learned. One of the important lessons is that the PI of a MURI consortium has very limited leverage with his team members located at other institutions. Most of the prestige and visibility associated with the project is focused at the PI institution and the MURI project is usually not the highest priority of the collaborating partners. They tend to do the research what they would be doing anyway, using the additional MURI funds to supplement their existing funding base. Lesson: The PI (and the program monitor) should not expect team members at other institutions to do anything that is out of the ordinary for them.

A corollary to the previous lesson is that when a MURI proposal is submitted, the overall success or failure must depend on the performance of the PI institution and it is a mistake to allow any partner institutions to be a "single point failure" element.

Graduate students are usually very smart individuals, but they are still at an early stage of their professional development. They still are learning what is important and what can be done later or at a slower pace. One of the important things they usually are still struggling with is time management. As a consequence of these factors it is not a od idea to give them tasks that are "mission critical" for the success of a large MURI project. Lesson: Graduate students should be given challenging tasks, but these tasks need to be somewhat detached from the mainstream of the project, and should not be time critical.

MURI projects, by their nature, are large efforts that require full-time efforts by a team of well qualified scientists who are able and willing to work as a team. Since MURI projects primarily fund university research groups, it is important to have a core of scientists who can devote most of their time and energy to the success of the project. In practice this means that one cannot have a successful MURI team that consists only of professors and graduate students. Professors have other responsibilities many commitments and graduate students are not ready yet to carry out the mission critical part of the work. Lesson: Successful MURI teams need to have a professional core team of postdocs and research scientists whose primary job is the successful completion of the project. Professors need to lead the team and provide intellectual leadership, and graduate can participate, but the most critical tasks must be performed by professional scientists.

typically involve MURI projects interdisciplinary teams that need to work together efficiently. Our team established regular weekly meetings that greatly helped us to keep the team focused and stay "on the same page." In addition, we tightly integrated the team of professional scientists, and software development, algorithm design and physics application was done by a single, integrated team. On the negative side this significantly increased the daily frustration level and friction, but this model resulted in a quick and efficient resolution of emerging obstacles. Lesson: very efficient, but Integrated teams are occasionally painful. Nevertheless, they are a major factor in success.

One of the very important factors in our success was that frequent communications between the PI, the team and the AFOSR Program Director. This good relationship enabled us to understand the priorities and expectations of the funding agency, while the Program Director had a good understanding of our progress and problems. This enabled the Program Director to have the AFOSR management engaged and interested in this MURI project. Lesson: Good communication with the funding agency is essential.

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